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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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VANIK VISIT MARCH 30-31. WE LEARNED LATE YESTERDAY THAT CONGRESSMAN CHARLES VANIK INTENDS TO STOP OFF IN BUCHAREST FROM BELGRADE, WHERE HE WILL GO WITH THE ROSTENKOWSKI CODEL. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR HIM TO ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST ABOUT 4 P.M. THURSDAY, MARCH 30 AND DEPART NEXT AFTERNOON OR EVENING. DO NOT CONSIDER THIS FIRM OR INITIATE CONTACT WITH GOR UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CABLE IN USUAL CHANNEL. WE ARE ALERTING YOU FOR TWO REASONS: (A) ALTHOUGH DAVE ROHR INQUIRED ABOUT FINDING A MEDIUM-PRICED CONVENIENT HOTEL, WE STRONGLY SUSPECT VANIK WOULD LIKE TO BE INVITED TO STAY WITH SOMEONE; (B) VANIK WANTS TO MEET WITH CEAUSESCU, BUT HE WANTS THE INVITATION TO COME AS CEAUSESCU'S INITIATIVE, NOT IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM VANIK. THE LATTER MAY REQUIRE YOU TO DROP A FEW HEAVY HINTS IN THE RIGHT PLACES
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AND AT THE PROPER MOMENT IF THE GOR IS SLOW TO SEIZE THE BALL. IN ADDITION, ROHR SAID, VANIK WOULD LIKE AN EMBASSY BRIEFING AFTERNOON OF MARCH 30, PERHAPS A SMALL SOCIAL EVENT THAT EVENING, AND MEETINGS WITH GOR OFFICIALS THE NEXT MORNING, INCLUDING TRADE MINISTER BURTICA. ROHR WILL ALSO ADVISE THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY HERE OF VANIK'S PLANS ONCE FLIGHTS ARE CONFIRMED. VANCE

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